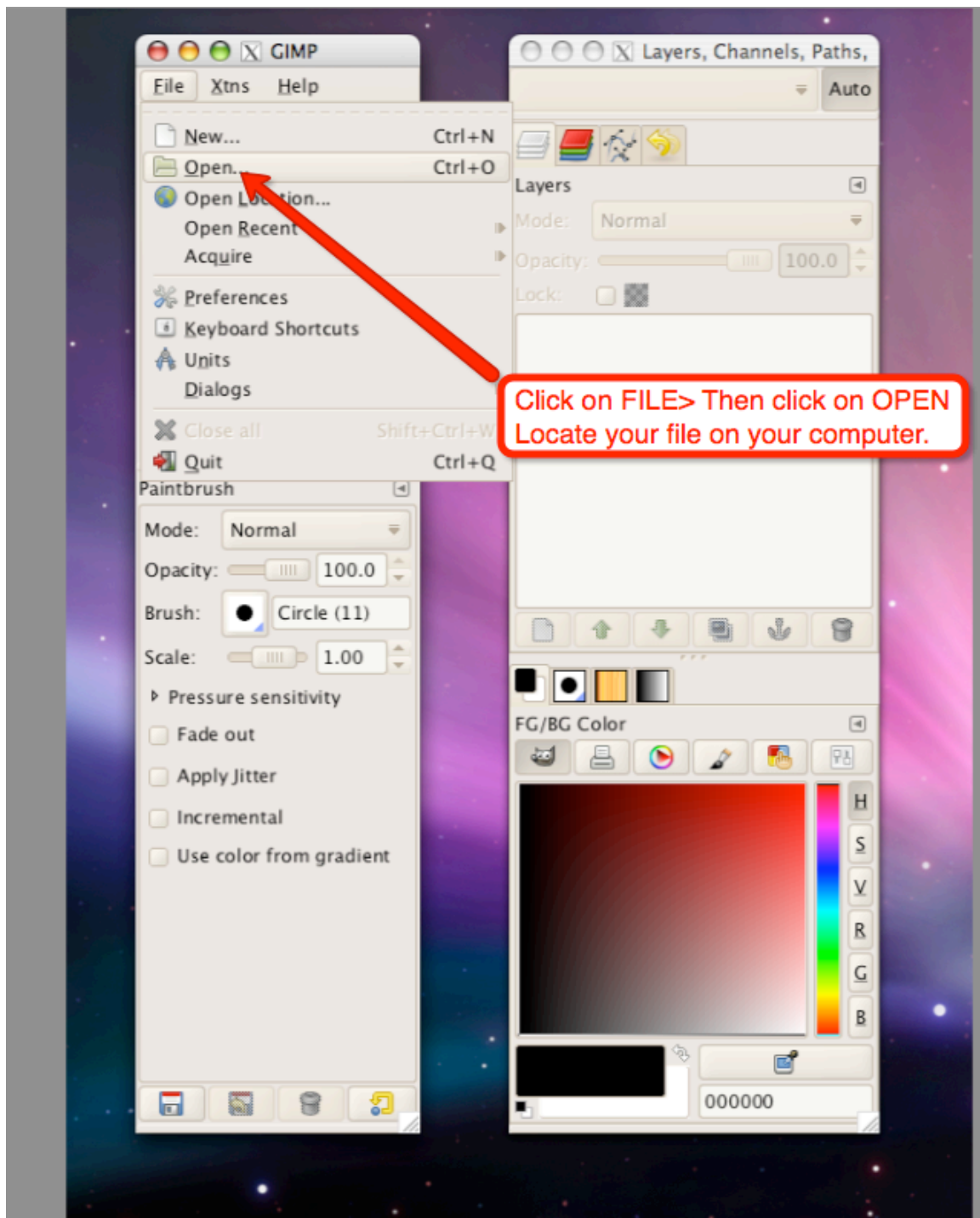
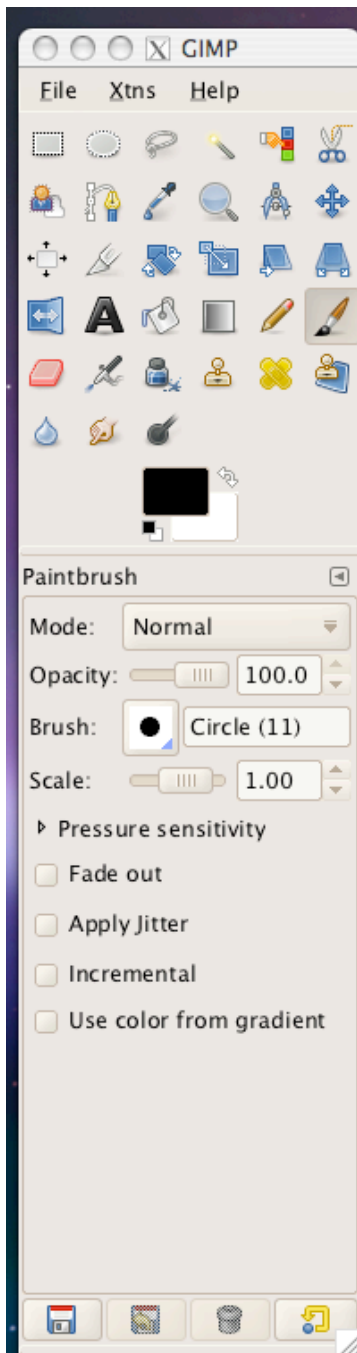
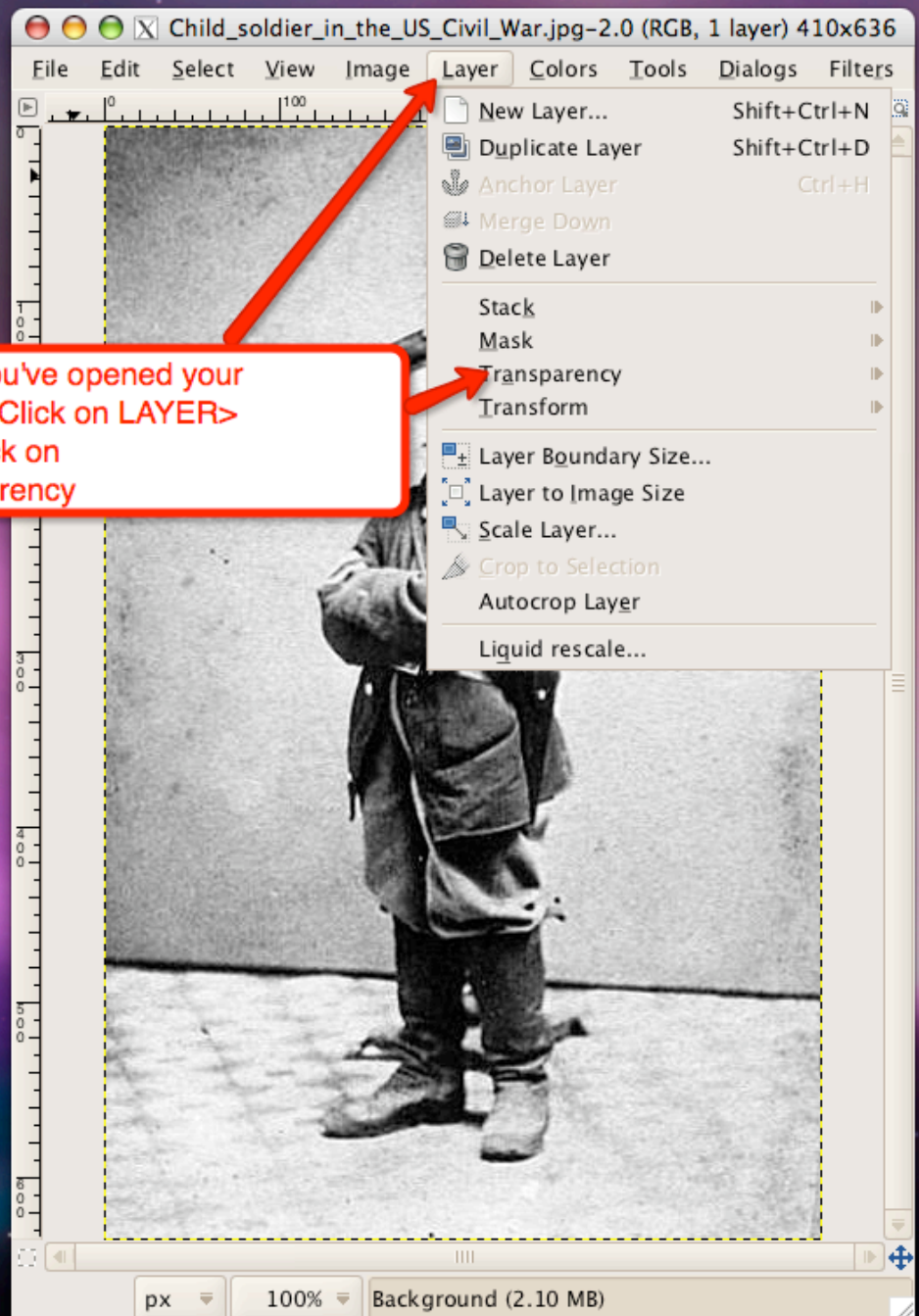


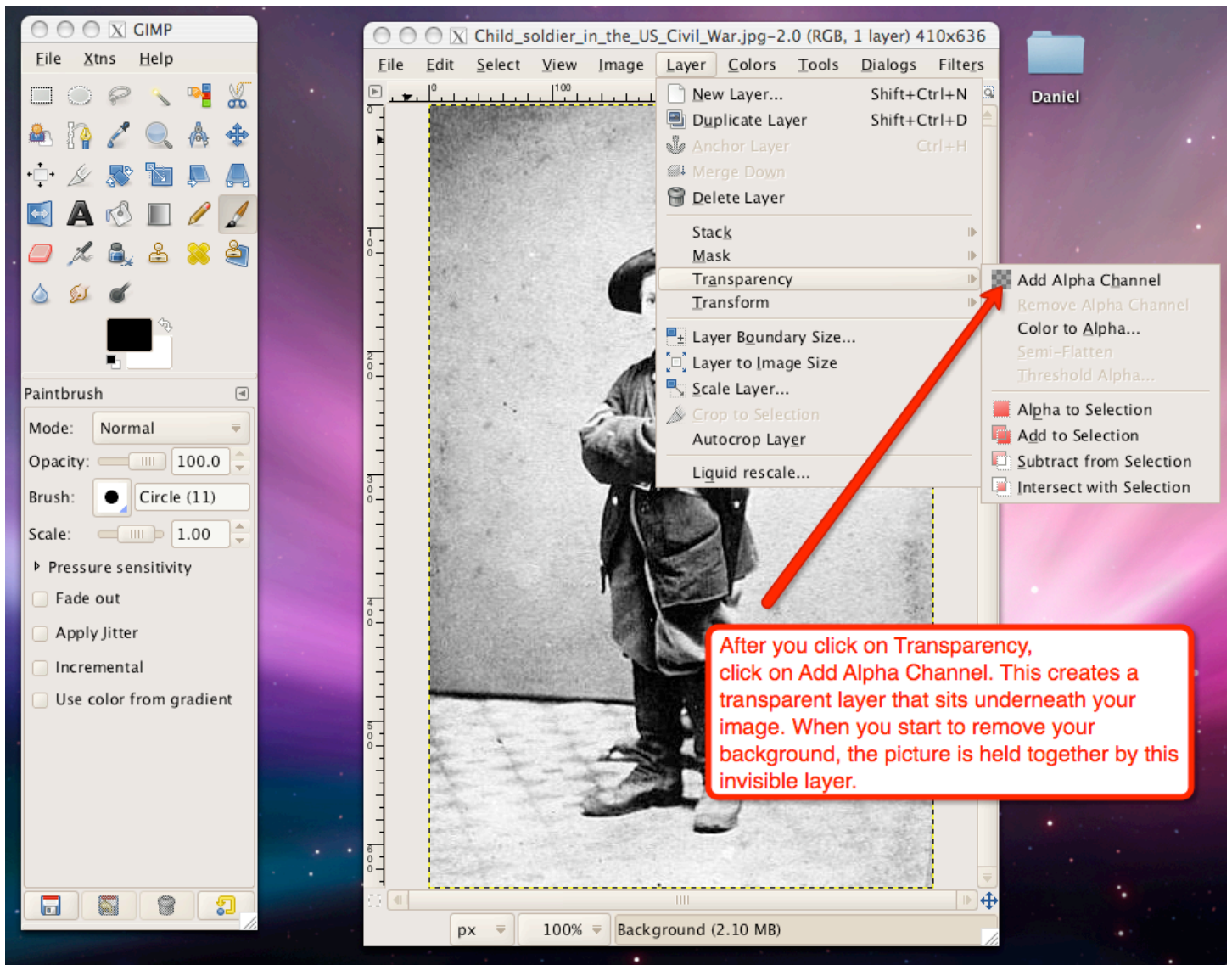
## Creating Transparent Backgrounds on Images Using GIMP





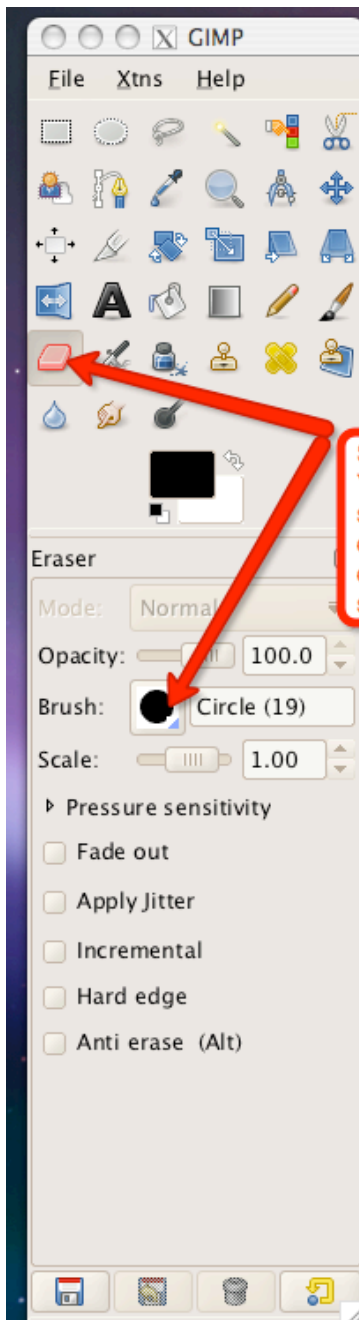
Once you've opened your picture, Click on LAYER> then click on Transparency



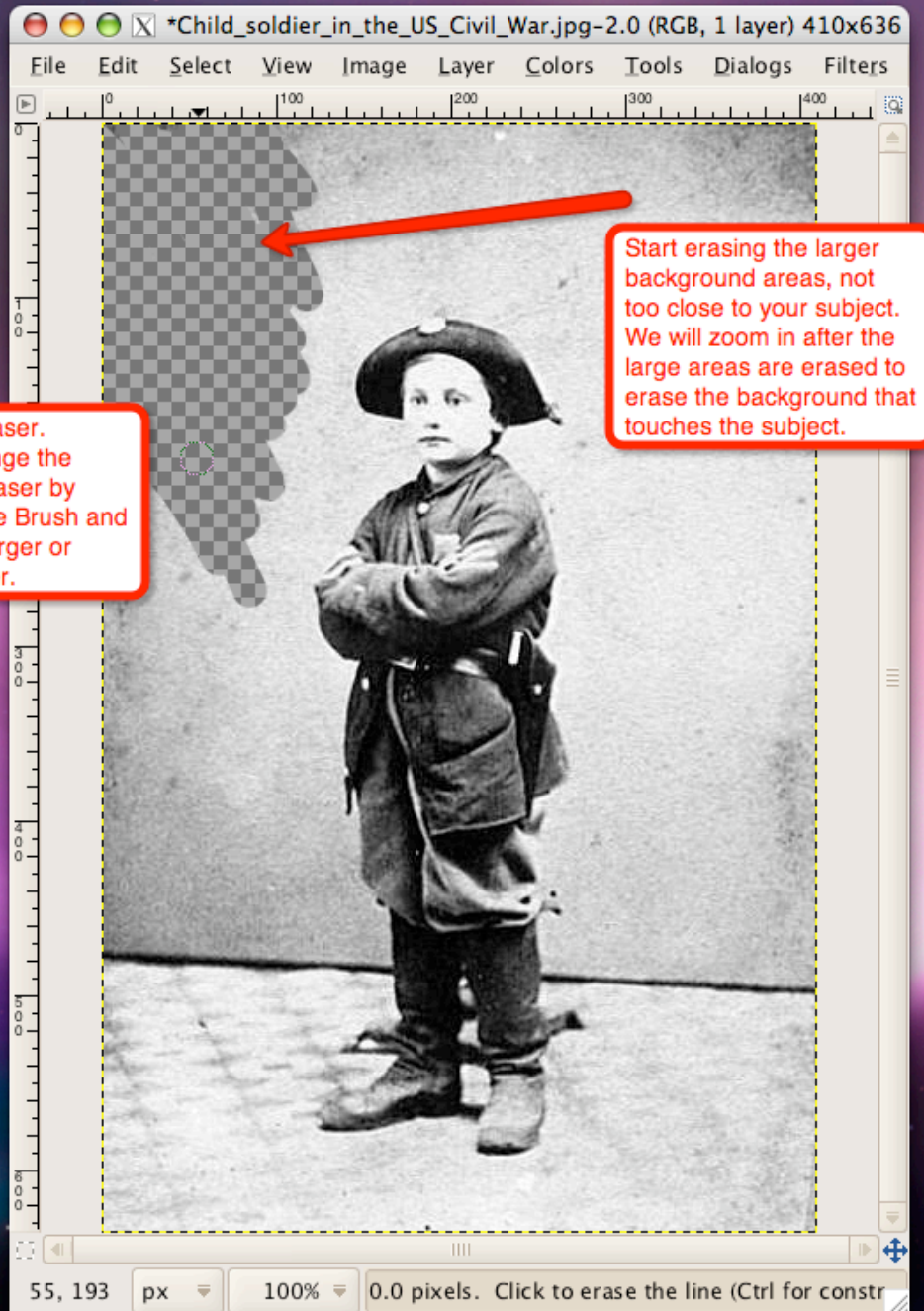


After you click on Transparency, click on Add Alpha Channel. This creates a transparent layer that sits underneath your image. When you start to remove your background, the picture is held together by this invisible layer.

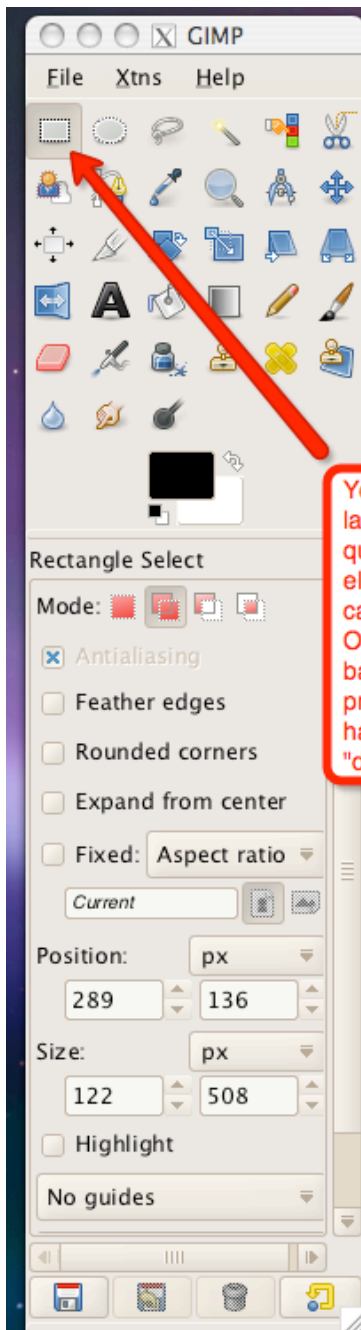




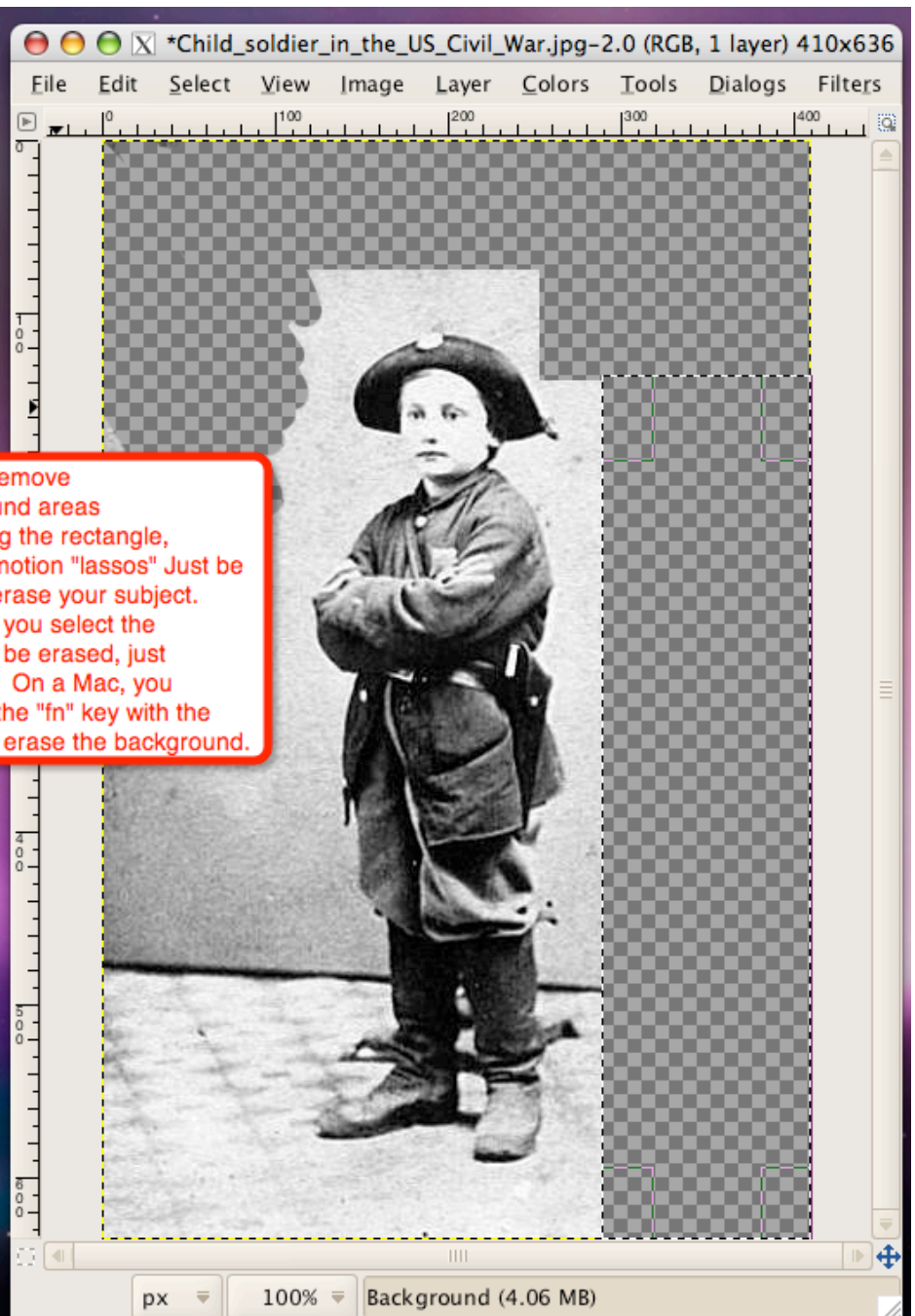
Select the eraser.  
You can change the  
size of the eraser by  
clicking on the Brush and  
choosing a larger or  
smaller eraser.

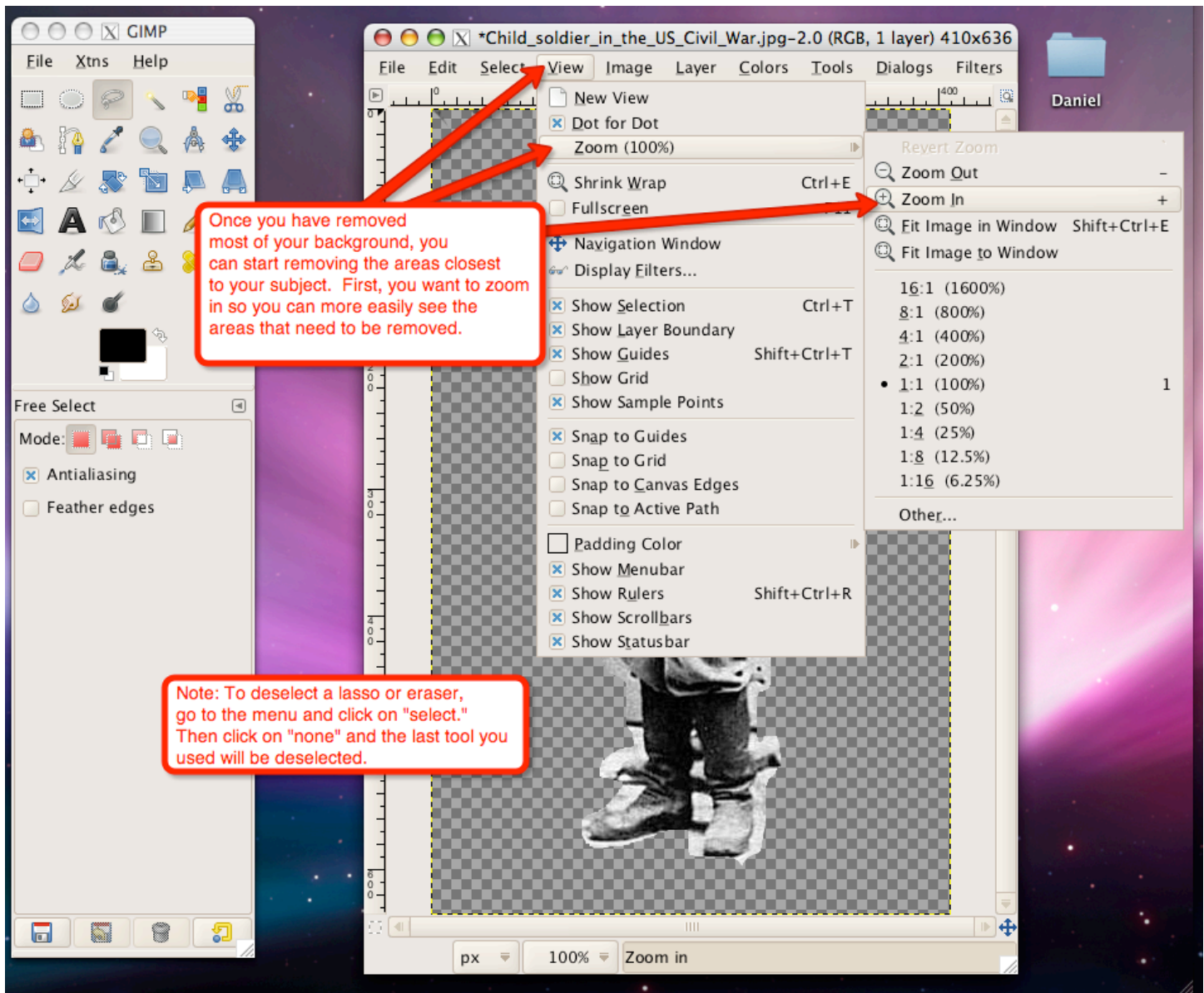


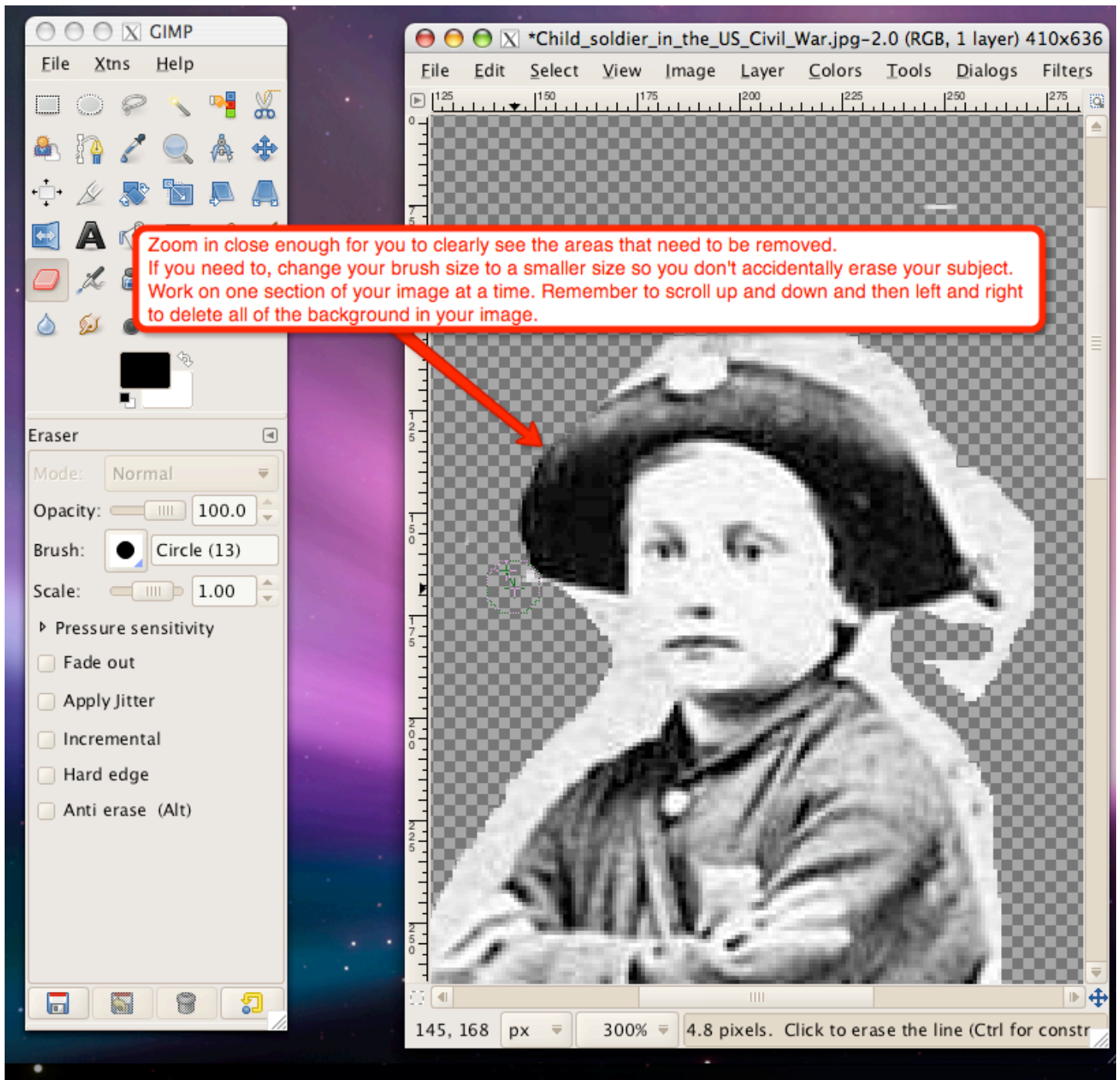
Start erasing the larger  
background areas, not  
too close to your subject.  
We will zoom in after the  
large areas are erased to  
erase the background that  
touches the subject.



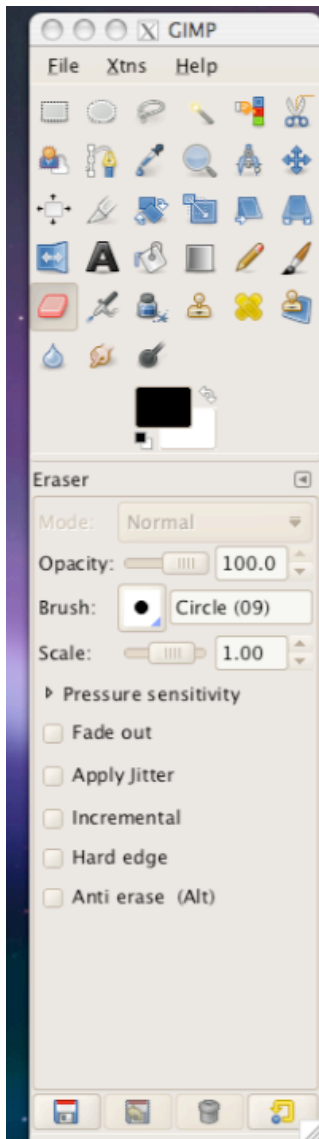
You can also remove large background areas quickly by using the rectangle, ellipse or free motion "lassos" Just be careful not to erase your subject. On a PC, after you select the background to be erased, just press "delete." On a Mac, you have to press the "fn" key with the "delete" key to erase the background.



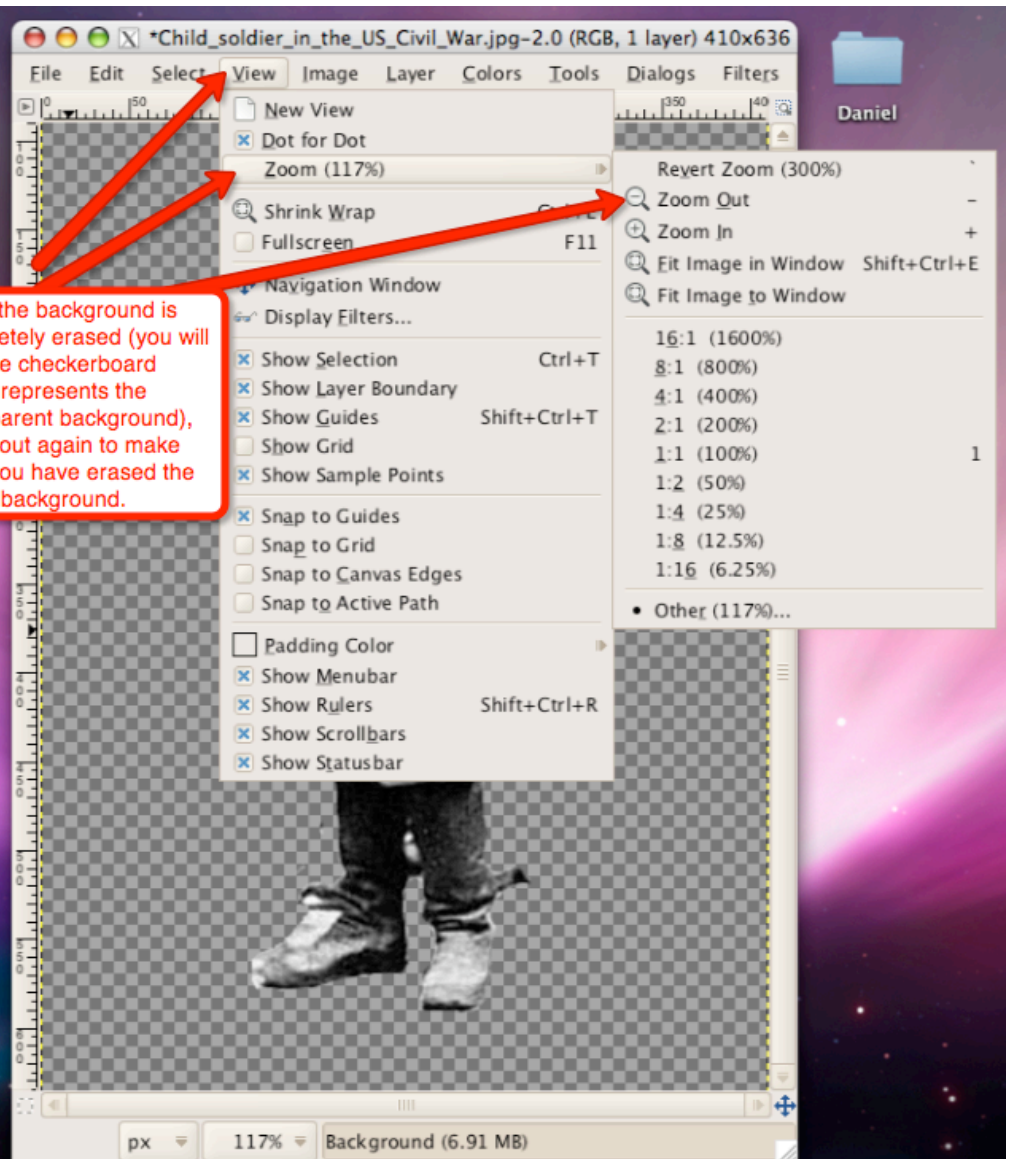




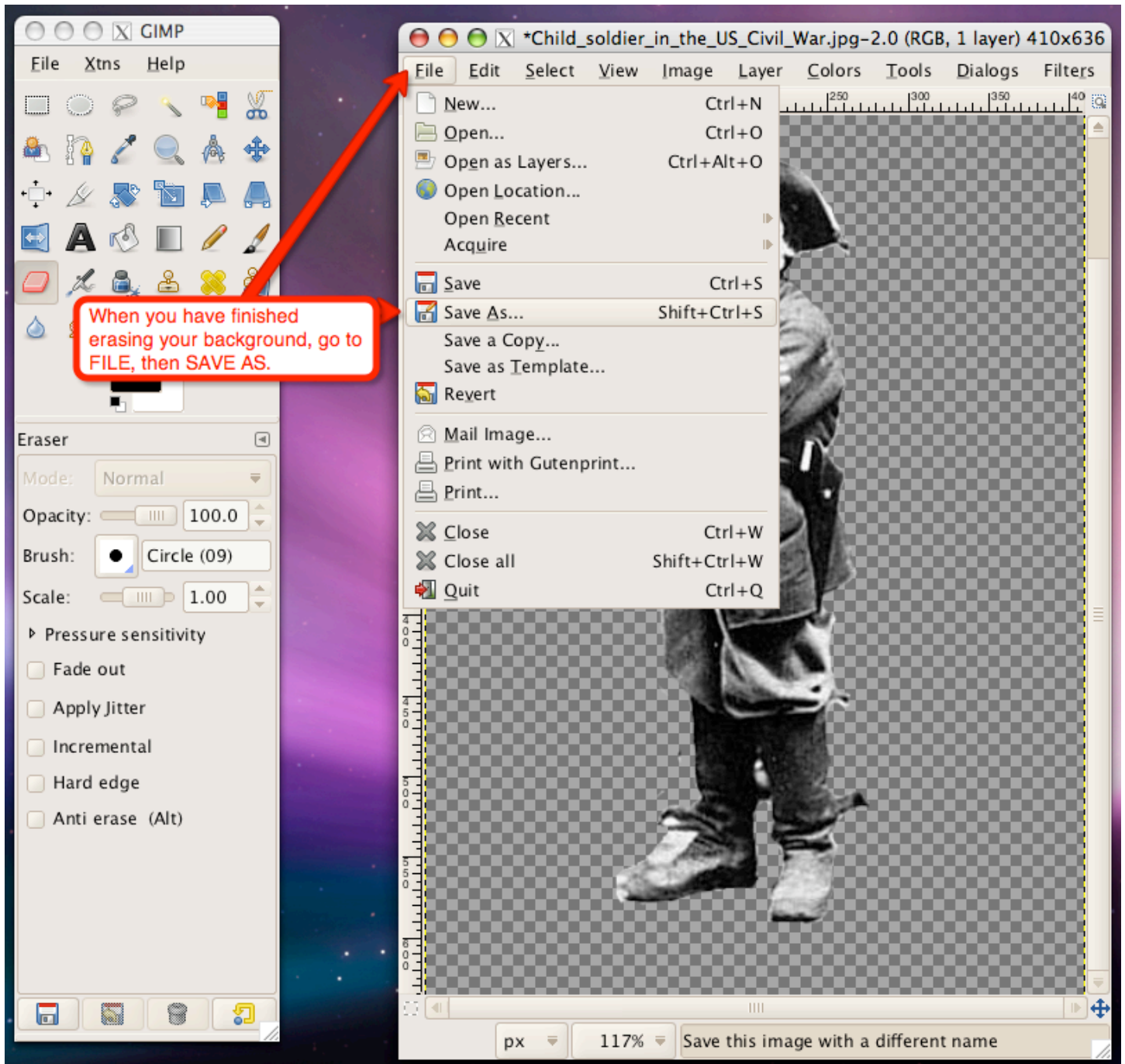


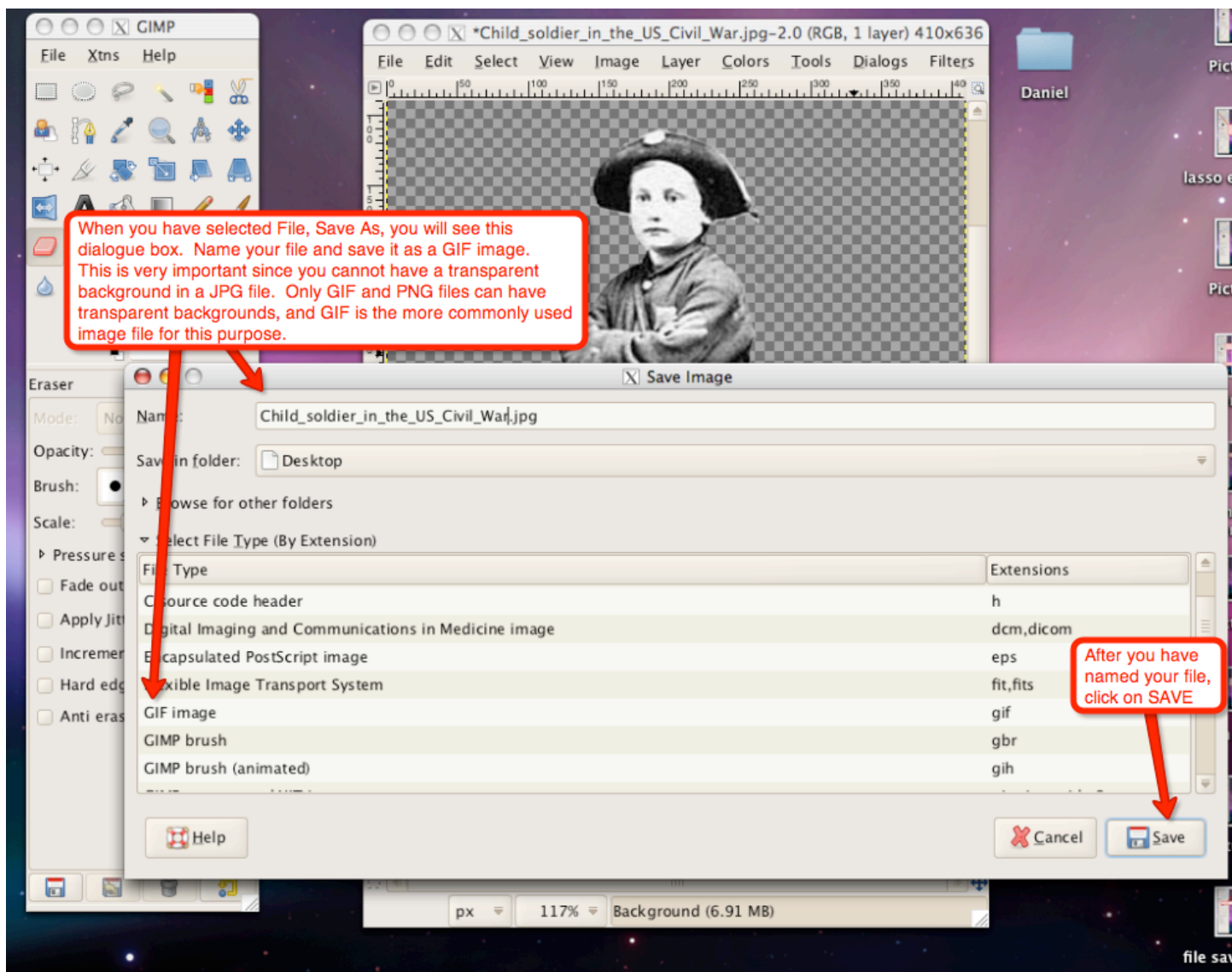


Once the background is completely erased (you will see the checkerboard which represents the transparent background), zoom out again to make sure you have erased the entire background.









**Now your image is ready to be used as a “layer” in Comic Life! Using these Techniques will allow you to place your students into your graphic novels.**